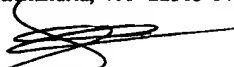


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2006, the applicants respond herewith as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.